

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PENANG



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20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

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"Be reverent, for this is the house of the Lord.

Before the service, speak to God.

During the service, let God speak to you.

"After the service, speak to one another with the technology available."



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Our Vision

Nurturing Disciples to be a Spirit-filled, Impactful Church

The 4 Essentials

***Personal Growth, Building Community,
A Voice to Our Nation, A Vision for the World***

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

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L: Let us gather at the river by the throne of God.

P: *In God’s eternal rule, there is hope and rejoicing forevermore. Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER**ACTS OF PRAISE**

Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us
Much we need Thy tender care
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use Thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are

Thou hast promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse and power to free
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
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Early let us seek Thy favour
Early let us do Thy will
Blessed Lord and only Saviour
With Thy love our bosoms fill
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still

There Is One Gospel

There is one Gospel on which I stand
For all eternity
It is my story my Father's plan
The Son has rescued me
Oh what a Gospel oh what a peace
My highest joy and my deepest need
Now and forever He is my light
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel to which I cling
All else I count as loss
For there where justice and mercy meet
He saved me on the cross
No more I boast in what I can bring
No more I carry the weight of sin
For He has brought me from death to life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

There is one Gospel where hope is found
The empty tomb still speaks
For death could not keep my Saviour down
He lives and I am free
Now on my Saviour I fix my eyes
My life is His and His hope is mine
For he has promised I too will rise
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

And in this Gospel the church is one
We do not walk alone
We have His Spirit as we press on
To lead us safely home
And when in glory still I will sing
Of this old story that rescued me
Praise to my Saviour the King of life
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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"There Is One Gospel" words & music by Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson

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Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

*(You are) Way Maker
Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are*

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord

That is who You are *(repeat)*

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working

CCLI Song #7115744

"Way Maker" words & music Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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4. Pray for ourselves, that we would be led by a desire for God's vision in our lives rather than one designed by ourselves or society as a whole.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

E-OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son & Holy Ghost. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

(...Those leaving for their Sunday School Classes will stand...)

Pastor: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord.

Children: For He is good, and His love endures forever.

People: The Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:6-10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. What does commitment to Christ mean to you? How has it made a difference in your life?
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CLOSING SONG

Hosanna

I see the King of glory
Coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes
The whole earth shakes

I see a generation
Rising up to take their place
With selfless faith
With selfless faith

I see His love and mercy
Washing over all our sin
The people sing
The people sing

I see a near revival
Stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees
We're on our knees

*Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna in the highest*

Heal my heart and make it clean
Open up my eyes to the things unseen
Show me how to love like You have loved me
Break my heart for what breaks Yours
Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause
As I walk from earth into eternity

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BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN

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OPENING PRAYER**OPENING SONG**

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom spread from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

Blessings abound where'er he reigns
All prisoners leap and loose their chains
The weary find eternal rest
And all who suffer want are blest

To Jesus endless prayer be made
And endless praises crown his head
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice

Let every creature rise and bring
Honours peculiar to our King
Angels descend with songs again
And earth repeat the loud amen!

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name

I want a principle within
Of watchful, godly fear
A sensibility of sin
A pain to feel it near
I want the first approach to feel
Of pride or wrong desire
To catch the wandering of my will
And quench the kindling fire

From Thee that I no more may stray
No more Thy goodness grieve
Grant me the filial awe, I pray
The tender conscience give

Quick as the apple of an eye
O God, my conscience make
Awake my soul when sin is nigh
And keep it still awake

Almighty God of truth and love
To me Thy power impart
The mountain from my soul remove
The hardness from my heart
O may the least omission pain
My reawakened soul
And drive me to that blood again
Which makes the wounded whole

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SONG OF PREPARATION

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp and set me free
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere
Open my heart and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear
Everything false will disappear
Silently now I wait for Thee
Ready, my God, Thy will to see
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Catching God's Vision

Mr Tan Chong Jin

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He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words, with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me
By His own hand, He leadeth me
His faithful follower, I would be
For by His hand, He leadeth me*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom
By waters still, o'er troubled sea
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine
Nor ever murmur nor repine
Content, whatever lot I see
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

And when my task on earth is done
When by Thy grace the victory's won
E'en death's cold wave, I will not flee
Since God through Jordan leadeth me

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BENEDICTION**THREE-FOLD AMEN**

SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Catching God's Vision

Scripture Passage: Acts 16:6-10

BIG IDEA: We need to discern and catch God's vision of how we are live for Christ.

Key Verse: Acts 16:9 (NIV)

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Introduction

- Paul embarked on a missionary journey to strengthen churches where he and Barnabas had first preached during their previous trip
- As Paul travelled with his companions, the Holy Spirit prevented them from entering certain regions (Acts 16:6-7)
- Paul later received a vision to bring the Gospel to Macedonia (Acts 16:9-10)

Receiving God's vision involves:

1. Commitment

The level of our commitment determines the potential for further calling.

- Paul encountered both triumphs and difficulties in his missionary activity
- But Paul pressed ahead whatever the circumstances because of his commitment to what Christ has called him to do
- Our potential to discern God's will involves the level of our commitment to obey God faithfully (e.g. Romans 12:12)

2. Constraint

The Holy Spirit convicts and constraints the believer.

- Paul's intentions and agenda were not as important as God's intention (Acts 16:6-7)
- Discernment for committed Christians often involves sensing God's leading when deciding between good moral options

3. Conviction

Conviction is the assurance of God's answer or continued leading.

- Paul proceeded with his missionary journey with the conviction that God will continue to lead him although he was prevented from entering certain regions
- God's work has a specific purpose and direction
- Paul finally received a specific vision for where God wanted him to go (Acts 16:9-10)

Today's WORSHIP ENABLERS

23/10/2022

Sermon Title/Text

Preacher

Liturgist

Worship Leaders

Reader

Musicians

Sound

Livestream

Visual

Ushers

Finance Steward

10.00 am Service

Catching God's Vision
(Acts 16:6-10)

Mr Tan Chong Jin

n/a

Mrs Lim Huey Yoke

Ms Cheah Yan Li

Mr Charles Teh

Dr Melvin Saw

Mrs Nicoline Koay

Ms Adelya Yeoh

Mr Jason Tham

Ms Wong Fong Yi

Mr Koay Choong Khai

Dr Ho Seng Hooi

Mrs Connie Lim

Mr Mak Ngai Leong

Mrs Maggie Mak

Mr Yee Eh Horng

5.00 pm Service

Catching God's Vision
(Acts 16:6-10)

Mr Tan Chong Jin

Mrs Esther Wong

n/a

Dr Mallise Tong

Mrs Audrey Tan

Mr William Ng

n/a

Mr William Ng

Mr Christopher Wong

Ms Lilian Yeoh

n/a

Next Sunday's WORSHIP ENABLERS

30/10/2022

Sermon Title/Text

Preacher

Liturgist

Worship Leaders

Reader

Musicians

Sound

Livestream

Visual

Ushers

Finance Steward

10.00 am Service

TBA

Rev Shearn Sya

n/a

Dr Gerviene Sya

Mrs Lee Wee Lyn

Ms Selina Ngu

Mr Daniel Khoo

Mr Tairven Lee

Ms Adelya Yeoh

Mr Jason Tham

Mr David Law

Ms Tan Yu Ai

Mr Khoo Boo Thye

Mr Mak Ngai Leong

Ms Tan Yu Ai

Mrs Maggie Mak

Mr Khoo Boo Thye

5.00 pm Service

TBA

Rev Shearn Sya

Dr Cheah Ui Hock

n/a

Ms Loh Siok Moy

Ms Joyce Goh

Mr Chuah Chang En

n/a

Mr Chuah Chang En

Mr Tony Teh

Mr Christopher Wong

n/a

ONLINE MINISTRIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

9.15am	Church School
10.00am	Worship Service in English
12.30pm	Methodist Youth Fellowship
1.30pm	Young Families 1 Small Group – Tairven Lee
3.00pm	Post Alpha Small Group Sungai Ara II Small Group – Jason Chieng
3.00pm	Boys' Brigade

MONDAY

8.00pm	Lighthouse Watchmen Prayer Network (LWPN), Bayan Lepas – Teng Leong
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TUESDAY

8.00pm	Tanjung Bungah Small Group – Chan Chen Weng
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WEDNESDAY

10.00am	Wednesday Small Group – Tan Saw Lee (1 st & 3 rd Wed)
11.00am	Church Office Staff Meeting
3.00 pm	Galilee Kopitiam (2 nd & 4 th Wed)

THURSDAY

8.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting – http://bit.ly/tmcprayer
9.00pm	Tree Residency Small Group – Jesse Ong

FRIDAY

	Small Groups:
3.00pm	Cheeseman Rd (Bethel) – Sabrina Lee
8.30pm	Young Adults I – Seah Por Shen
	Taman Sri Nibong – Dr Saw Kim Guan
	Bethel – Ch'ng Geam Liang
	Century Garden – Lim Lim Ling
	Permai Village I – Ooi Lay Chen
	Island Glades – Tan Kok Huat (2 nd & 4 th)

SATURDAY

10.30am	Permai Village Small Group – Daniel Teh
2.00pm	Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group (4 th Saturday)
8.00pm	Small Groups:
8.15pm	Young Adults II – Hendrix Cheong
8.30pm	Young Families 2 – James Hii
	Sungai Ara I – Florence Tan (fortnightly)

WEEKLY PRAYER

World

- Continue to pray for God's comfort upon the families of the victims who lost their lives in the nursery attack, 23 of whom were children. Pray for God's peace upon those who have witnessed such brutal scenes. Pray also for His mercy over Iran, that there will be no more violence or killing. Pray that He will keep Christians courageous and shine His light to heal the nations.

Nation

- Pray for the nation, both before and after the GE15. Pray for wisdom, discernment and courage upon every voter so that they will not be swayed by corrupt parties bent on distorting the truth or instilling fear, or by monetary gifts and handouts. Pray also, that the righteous will triumph, and that our sovereign God will indeed bless our nation with honest and wise leaders, and a godly government.

Church

- Pray that God will instil in us a sense of compulsion and enthusiasm for the work and ministries of the church. Pray that He will bring to our attention the areas of ministry that are in need. Pray that we will be sensitive to those needs and step up to serve. Pray also, for our leadership to be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and remain united in one heart and mind.

Self

- Pray that God will shape each one of us day by day into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work within us so that we may be witnesses of the Gospel in a fragile world filled with tragedy and strife. Pray also, that we will not be hindered from witnessing and sharing the Good News, and that God will touch the hearts of all who hear.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME to worship at **Trinity**. For any assistance please contact:

Pastor – Rev Shearn Sya: 04-828 7445

Administrator – Ms Angeline Choo: 013-243 1282

- Sermons and past worship services are available online (<http://replay.penangtrinity.org>).
- Visitation ministry for the homebound, please inform Angeline Choo.
- Floral Gifts: Please contact the church office or email office@penangtrinity.org.
- Online/ATM Transfer: **Maybank Account No. MBB 5072 4612 6505 (Trinity Methodist Church Penang)**. Please indicate for "Offering/Pledge" or "Poor & Needy" in Recipient Reference for online transfers.

TODAY – October 23

Communion Offering for October 2022 will go to Lighthouse Kapit, Sarawak.

2022 Church-wide Bible Reading Plan:

<http://bit.ly/tmc bible2022>



Prayer Request Form – <https://bit.ly/tmcprayforme>. All requests are confidential unless permission is given to circulate to larger prayer group.

Vacancies: Accounts Clerk

Certificate/Diploma in Accountancy or equivalent professional qualification, with relevant working experience and skilled in using Excel functions for accounting purposes. To apply, please submit resume to joinus@penangtrinity.org.

The MSF has invited Dr Ho from Georgetown Specialist Hospital to talk about "Preventing Knee Pain and Arthritis" on October 29 at 2.30 pm in GYM. The hospital will provide free BP and BMI tests, and free gifts for participants. All are welcome.

10AM / 5PM Service

- ✗ *Booking of Seats – Not required (Capped at 220)*
- ✗ *MySejahtera checks – Not required*
- ✓ *Record names of attendees – Required*
- ✓ *Masks, Social Distancing – Required (6 per pew)*

S.H.A.P.E. ~ Sundays, 3pm (6 sessions)

Commencing October 30 – December 4, 2022

Venue: Bethel PIC: Dr Saw Kim Guan

To register, go to <http://penangtrinity.org/register>

Closing date: October 23, 2022 (TODAY)

Floral Calendar (October – December 2022) is ready for booking at the reception area.

Sharing by Watoto Ministries

Saturday, November 12, 2022 | 3pm | GYM

Track 1: *Why Children's Ministry –*

A Ugandan perspective for Malaysia

Track 2: *New Drug - Addictions to Sex & Tech*

Closing date: November 5, 2022.

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Vacancies: Kindergarten Teacher

Christian, Diploma in Early Childhood Education, fluent in English and Bahasa Melayu.

Vacancies: Assistant Teacher

Christian, SPM qualification, fluent in English.

To apply, please submit resume to

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